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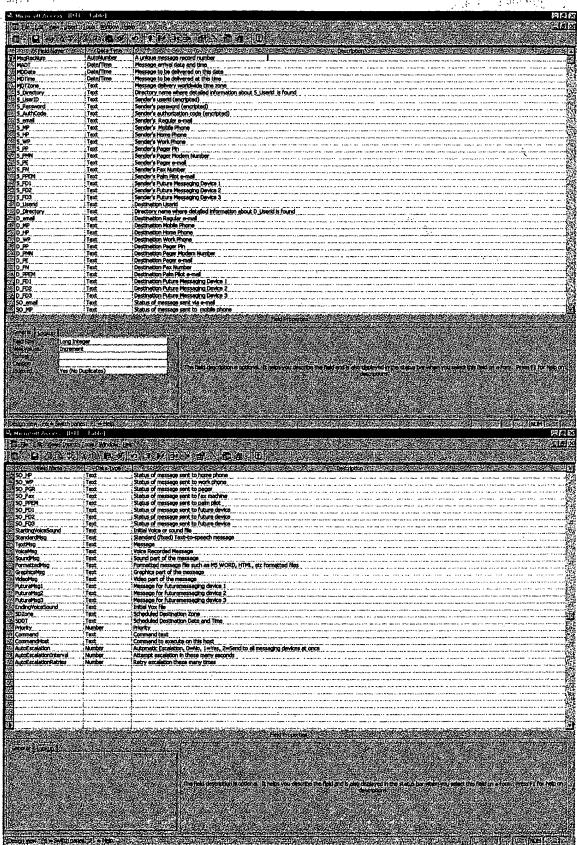


FIG. 2 Shows various database fields

Userid: 544413988

Password: XXXXXXXX AuthCode: 987654321

SendTo: MobilePhone=2149998765, Email=samwals@emsgtech.com, Fax=9729991234,

SendTo: WorkPhone=2148887766, Pager=1234567890@alphapage.Windfelt.com

Server SRV001 is not functioning properly. Please check as soon as possible.

FIG. 3 Sample e-mail/fax by which a message can be sent out.

In this example, a sender sends an e-mail or a fax in a predefined format as shown above. Each line starts with a special tag such as Userid:, Password: AuthCode:, and SendTo:. Then, there is a blank line. After that is the message to be sent. The Userid:, Password: AuthCode:, and SendTo: tags contain the appropriate information that is parsed and processed by the system. The sender, in this example, wants to send the message to a Mobile Phone, an e-mail, a Fax, a Work Phone and a Pager. Therefore, the message sender specifies the required information. The system checks the Userid, Password, and the AuthCode and if correct, sends the message out as requested. It automatically converts the text message to speech to be delivered to telephones and also puts it in an e-mail and a fax. For the pager, the system sends an e-mail to 1234567890@alphapage.Windfelt.com containing the specified message and let's the service provider handle it. Note that though this example shows email/fax, this idea could be extended to other messaging media as detailed in the document.

To: samwals@emsgtech.com

From: Electronic Messaging Engines

Subject: An important alert

When responding back to this message via the Remote Command Execution (RCE), please use the following message record number: 76884533

This message was sent to:

MobilePhone=2149998765, Email=samwals@emsgtech.com, Fax=9729991234, WorkPhone=2148887766, Pager=1234567890@alphapage.Windfelt.com

Server SRV001 is not functioning properly. Please check as soon as possible

FIG. 4 Sample e-mail/fax received.

NOTE: Each of the engines includes a unique identification number such as, MsgRecNum in database DB-1 (Fig 1 (11)) and Db-2 (Fig 1 (18). This number is used as part of response back for the system to know which message is a responder responding back to. Similarly, message with same information is received on other messaging devices as detailed in the document.

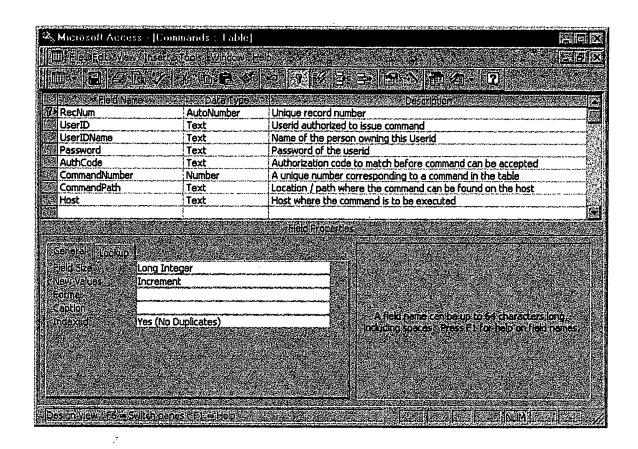


FIG. 5 Commands Table Description

The table shows the various fields in the Commands table that is used by the Remote Command Execution (RCE) facility of this invention.

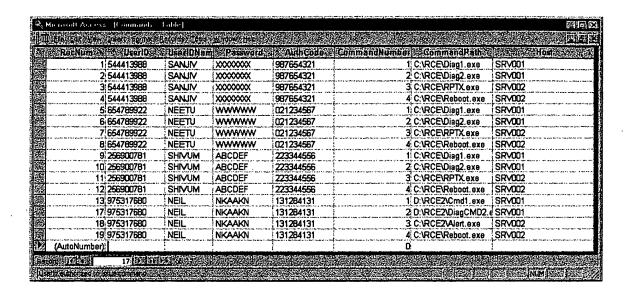


FIG. 6 Sample Commands Table Entries

This table is used by the system to allow authorized users to be able to execute command through the Remote Command Execution (RCE) facility of this invention.

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[DTE_Server]
DTE-1_Server=216.87.148.210
Port1=1001,1002
DTE-2_Server=216.87.148.211
Port1=1001,1002
DTE-3 Server=216.87.148.212
Port2=1001,1002
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[Automatic_Escalation]
Escalation_Device_1=Fax
Escalation Device 2=Email
Escalation Device 3=Pager
Escalation Device 4=MobilePhone
Escalation_Device_5=WorkPhone
Escalation Device_6=PamPilot
Escalation_Device_7=HomePhone
Escalation Device 8=Future Device
[IntelligentDecisionMaking]
Automatic Wakeup Time Computation=ON
AutomaticTimeZoneComputation=ON
[Database]
Database=C:\ape1d2\DTE Client.mdb
[ProcessRecs]
Retries=3
DelRecs=1
Interval=60
Key=EMSG0000-BR01K2PSNEK-12/31/2001-11220ENG
[Logging]
Mode=NORMAL
[Reports]
REMail=SamWals2000@yahoo.com
AutoRep=N
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FIG. 7 Sample INI file

This file is used by the various engines at initialization time. It serves as start-up parameters.

To: EMME-RB@emsgtech.com From: samwals@emsgtech.com Subject: RCE response back

Userid: 544413988

Password: XXXXXXXX AuthCode: 987654321 MsgRecNum: 76884533

Command: 2

Issuing command 2. Intend to run Diag2 on SRV001.

FIG. 8

Sample e-mail/fax by which a Command is sent back (RCE).

Sample method of communication back to the system via e-mail. Note that the user could have used other messaging devices, such as, but not limited to a telephone to send such a response back and request execution of a command. The sample, above, specifies the MsgRecNum originally received as part of the message and executes Command 2 (see FIG. 7 for the Command Table). Similarly, responses can be sent back and commands can be executed from other messaging devices by supplying the information shown above:

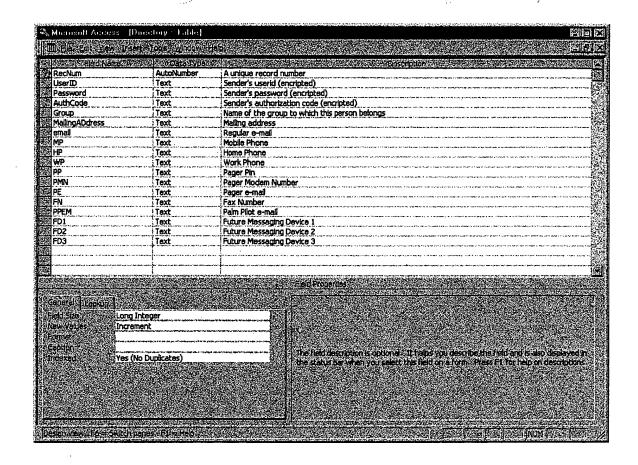


FIG. 9 Sample directory table

This table is used by the system to automatically get details regarding a userid (both – recipient and/or sender) and to resolve groups when sending a Group (broadcast) message.

FIG. 10
A possible automation of "Dig Test" using Electronic Messaging Engines

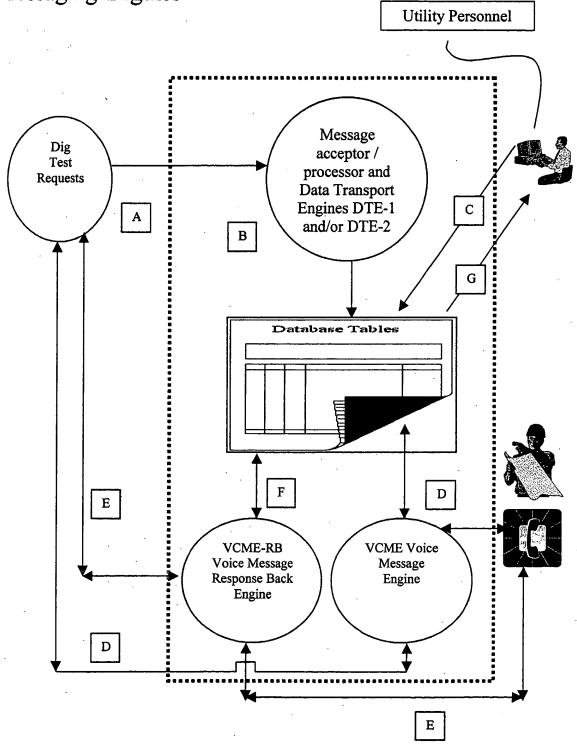


FIG. 11 Explanation of Flow Diagram of FIG 10

Step A.

The requests for "dig tests" are received via various messaging devices and methods, including, but not limited to e-mail, fax, wireless telephones, wired telephones, etc.

Step B.

These messages are accepted and processed by messaging engines such as DTE-1 and/or DTE-2 as described in the document. These engines run continuously and processes new request messages as they arrive. They extracts all required information and updates the database.

Step C.

Utility's authorized personnel authorizes or denies the request based on various laws and regulations. A GUI interface to the database allows the person to mark the record with approval or disapproval.

Step D.

Another automated messaging engine, such as, but not limited to the Voice Message Engine (VCME), engine which runs continuously scans for such approvals or disapprovals from Step C above. It used advanced telephony technologies to call the appropriate telephone numbers and deliver the approval or disapproval message to the appropriate party. A Utility technician may also be alerted to provide further assistance to the dig requestor.

Step E and F.

The technician out in the field, after receiving a message from the system, calls back to acknowledge receipt of the message. The response back engines, such as, but not limited to the Voice Message Response Back (VCME-RB) engine intercepts the calls from technicians. The system prompts the technician for validation, such as a password, authorization code, and/or a matching request number. If the information is correct, the VCME-RB module updates the database indicating that the technician has acknowledged receipt of the message. Similarly, a message is also sent back to the dig requestor and is prompted to acknowledge receipt of the message using the telephone keypad or voice. The database is updated with the current status (step F).

Step G.

Authorized Utility personnel can further view and report on status of various requests or take other actions via a GUI interfaces to the database.

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